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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of : September 3, 2002  
J. P. Brezin, et al : Group Art No.: 2172  
Serial No. 09/282,860 : Examiner: J. Fluering  
Filed: March 31, 1999 : for IBM Corporation  
Anne Vachon Dougherty  
Title: OPTIMIZATION OF SYSTEM 3173 Cedar Road  
PERFORMANCE BASED ON Yorktown Heights, NY 10598  
COMMUNICATION RELATIONSHIP

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2002 for the above-identified patent application. The period for response is, therefore, set to expire on September 3, 2002 and no additional fee is due. In response to the Office Action, the Applicants wish to submit the following amendments and remarks.